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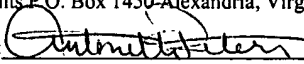
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.:	10/712,159	Group Art Unit:	2838
Filed:	November 12, 2003	Docket No.:	12844.0053US01
Title:	SWITCHING POWER SUPPLY UNIT AND CONTROLLER IC THEREOF		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed March 22, 2005.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 or after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311 or after any other action that closes prosecution on the application, but before the payment of the issue fee. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180 for the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). This statement is submitted as certified below under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) or (2) by the undersigned.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) or §1.97(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.


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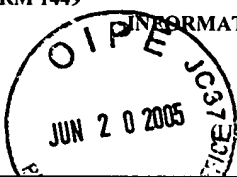
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
1	JP 1-295665	11/1989	Japan			Abstract	
	JP 8-186980	07/1996	Japan			Abstract	
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